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SUBJECT:BRIEFING MEMORANDUM: SECRETARY'S MEETING WITH  
FONMIN GROMYKO:ISSUES/TALKING POINTS:COMPLAINTS  
WHICH SOVIETS COULD BRING UP AT GENEVA

FOR: HARTMAN AND SONNENFELDT

(DURING THE PAST WEEK SOVIET OFFICIALS IN MOSCOW AND  
WASHINGTON HAVE REGISTERED COMPLAINTS ABOUT THREE MINOR  
BILATERAL ISSUES. THERE IS NO REASON TO BELIEVE THEY  
WILL COME UP IN GENEVA BUT BACKGROUND IS PROVIDED IN  
CASE THEY DO.)

1. DISTRIBUTION OF USIA MAGAZINE. SOVIET COMPLAINT:

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THAT THE US EMBASSY IN MOSCOW HAS DISTRIBUTED COPIES

OF THE USIA ENGLISH LANGUAGE MAGAZINE DIALOGUE CONTAIN-  
ING MATERIAL ON SOLZHENITSYN "HOSTILE TO THE SOVIET  
UNION."

(A) TALKING POINT: THE "MATERIAL ON SOLZHENITSYN"  
WAS A REVIEW OF HIS BOOK BY AN AMERICAN AUTHOR. THE  
MAGAZINE DIALOGUE IS DISTRIBUTED ONLY IN A FEW COPIES  
(250) LARGELY TO OTHER EMBASSIES AND FOREIGN CORRES-  
PONDENTS WHO ASK FOR IT. THE SOVIET EMBASSY IN WASHING-  
TON DISTRIBUTES FAR MORE MATERIAL THAN DOES THE US  
EMBASSY IN MOSCOW YET US AUTHORITIES DO NOT COMPLAIN  
ABOUT IT.

(B) BACKGROUND: USIA HAD PLANNED TO START  
DISTRIBUTING A SMALL RUSSIAN EDITION OF DIALOGUE  
MAGAZINE STRIPPED OF ALL POTENTIALLY CONTROVERSIAL  
ARTICLES IN MARCH. THE SOVIET PROTEST MAY HAVE BEEN  
MADE WITH KNOWLEDGE OF THIS PLAN. USIA HAS HELD UP  
THE RUSSIAN EDITION UNTIL A MORE FAVORABLE MOMENT.

2. RADIO LIBERTY. SOVIET COMPLAINT: A FOREIGN  
MINISTRY OFFICIAL COMPLAINED "UNOFFICIALLY" THAT  
RADIO LIBERTY IS BROADCASTING ANTI-SOVIET MATERIAL,  
PARTICULARLY CONCERNING SOVIET NATIONALITY PROBLEMS.

(A) TALKING POINT: (1) RADIO LIBERTY IS A PRIVATE  
RADIO CORPORATION FUNDED BY THE BOARD FOR INTERNATIONAL  
BROADCASTING ESTABLISHED BY THE CONGRESS. THE BOARD  
IS AN INDEPENDENT AGENCY AND RADIO LIBERTY IS NOT AN  
OFFICIAL US RADIO STATION. (2) RADIO LIBERTY'S POSI-  
TION IS PERHAPS ANALOGOUS TO THAT OF RADIO PEACE AND  
PROGRESS, A SOVIET STATION WHICH FREQUENTLY TAKES

POSITIONS WHICH WE HAVE BEEN TOLD BY SOVIET OFFICIALS  
DO NOT REPRESENT THE OFFICIAL VIEWS OF THE SOVIET  
GOVERNMENT.

(B) BACKGROUND: THIS IS THE FIRST QUASI-OFFICIAL  
SOVIET COMPLAINT ABOUT RADIO LIBERTY IN SOME TIME. IT  
MAY HAVE BEEN DONE TO EXPLORE THE LEVERAGE PROVIDED  
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BY THE FACT THAT THE BOARD FOR INTERNATIONAL BROAD-  
CASTING IS FORMALLY CHARGED BY THE CONGRESS WITH THE  
RESPONSIBILITY OF INSURING THAT RADIO LIBERTY AND  
RADIO FREE EUROPE OPERATE "IN A MANNER NOT INCONSIS-  
TENT WITH BROAD FOREIGN POLICY OBJECTIVES" OF USG.

3. JACK ANDERSON ATTACK ON MALIK. SOVIET COMPLAINT:  
THE USG SHOULD STOP US PRESS ATTACKS ON SOVIET

REPRESENTATIVES SUCH AS ANDERSON COLUMN ON FEBRUARY 11  
ALLEGING ESPIONAGE ACTIVITIES BY SOVIET PERM REP AT UN  
MALIK.

(A) TALKING POINT: ALTHOUGH WE UNDERSTAND SOVIET  
CONCERN, A STUDY OF THE US PRESS AND ANDERSON'S COLUMNS  
IN PARTICULAR SHOULD PROVIDE CONVINCING EVIDENCE THAT  
USG DOES NOT AND CANNOT CONTROL PRESS. INGERSOLL  
UNQUOTE

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